

“This is a triple win for our veterans, our Valley and our state,” Costa said. “These energy improvements at the hospital in Fresno will save Valley taxpayers money in the long run, and our returning military heroes will have a state-of-the-art hospital to use for their rehabilitation, surgeries, or necessary check-ups.”

Approximately \$1.57 million will replace steam boilers, \$1.6 million will replace a cooling tower, and \$2.75 million will replace the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems at the Veterans Central California Health Care System. The Department of Veterans Affairs is directing more than one-quarter of its \$1.4 billion in funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act investments to clean energy generation and energy conservation.

Al Perry, the Director of the VA Central California Health Care System was thrilled to hear today’s good news that the Central California facility is the recipient of these stimulus funds. Perry went on to express that the VA is proud to be a part of the administration’s efforts to find the most modern technology for energy conservation and anxious for the modernization to begin.

Overall, more than \$68 million is going to renewable sources which include solar, wind and geothermal, while nearly \$238 million will be directed to retrofit existing buildings to use energy and water more efficiently.